The Artificer — Off for Baptism.

When Jesus at the age of thirty presented Himself to John at Jordan to be baptized, it caused surprise. John declared, I have more need to ask You to baptize me! You have no sin to wash away! Jesus did not explain the matter. He merely said, « Suffer it to be so now ». He thus intimated that He was not following John's baptism to wash away sins, but that His baptism had another special meaning, which He did not disclose. St. Paul explains to us that Jesus' baptism symbolized His full consecration of His life to God as a sacrifice, even unto death. (Hebrews 10 : 5-9.) — Jesus afterward indicated that His entire ministry was a fulfilment of the consecration made at thirty, when He was baptized. The latter symbolized His immersion into death — yielding His life to the service of God. At the close of His ministry, He said, « I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! » (Luke 12 : 50) The next day, on the cross, He cried, « It is finished! » His baptism into death, begun at Jordan, was thus completed on Calvary.

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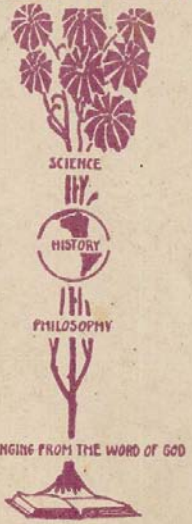

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